

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 06 November 1997  
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs  
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable  
Title of Publication: Untitled  
Other Known Titles: House of Discipline  
Director: Not Stated  
Producer: Not Stated  
Publisher: Not Applicable  
Author: Not Applicable  
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL  
Country of Origin: United Kingdom  
Language: English

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### Components of film originally examined:

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| Feature:  | Untitled                | Running time: | 29.38               |       |
| Trailers: | Gold Medal Video Notice | Running time: | 0.21                |       |
|           |                         |               | Total Running time: | 29.59 |

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The untitled video recording known as *House of Discipline* is classified as:  
Objectionable.

The video recording promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and the use of violence and coercion to compel a person to participate in, and submit to, sexual conduct. It does this by depicting a young woman, dressed in a school uniform, being caned to the point of crying by an older woman. The younger woman's genitals and buttocks are focused upon which sexualises the activity, and the recording is intended for the sexual arousal of the viewer. The younger woman is then coerced to engage in sexual activity, to avoid further caning.

Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) does not apply to this video recording because s3(2) criteria of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) apply. Section 3(2) is a deeming provision that cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms in the NZBR Act. The objectionable classification is a restriction on the right to freedom of expression that is both reasonable and justified, as outlined in s5 of the NZBR Act.

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